

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: A PROCESS FOR SIGNALLING COST INFORMATION UPON CONNECTION
ESTABLISHMENT AND A TARIFF SERVER THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading **--Background of the Invention--**.

Page 2, line 34, insert the heading **--Summary of the Invention--**.

Page 3, lines 4-11 delete in their entirety and insert:

--This object is achieved in accordance with the invention by a process for signaling cost information upon a connection in a telecommunications network information in a telecommunications network, the process comprising the steps of: the subscriber's data terminal establishing a connection to an exchange; a call handling function of the exchange making a tariff request to a tariff server; the tariff server sending a tariff response for the requested connection to the call handling function of the exchange; the call handling function forwarding the tariff response to a CDR generating function in the exchange; the CDR generating function forwarding cost information to the cost communication function of the exchange; and the cost

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